सहायता प्रदान करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Steps to popularise schemes of LIC

2437. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1095 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th March, 1997 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to take some steps to popularise new schemes namely 'Jeevan Sanchay' and 'Jeevan Sneha' launched by LIC making large number of people to join these schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) have reported that the schemes are being widely publicised through field personnel and advertisements in newspapers, television, and other mass media. According to LIC these measures, coupled with the built-in features of these plans and the rebate and exemption available under the Income Tax Act, are bound to attract a large number of people.

Direct Central Subsidy

2438. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1099 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th March, 1977 and state:

(a) the estimated amount of direct Central subsidy for 1996-97, item-wise; and

(b) the actual subsidy given during each of the last three years, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The information for ten years is given in Annexure 3.1 of the document Expenditure Budget, Volume 1. Relevant portion from it is extracted in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Subsidy given during the last three years

(Rs. in crores)

		Expenditure		
	Items of subsidy	1994-95 Actuals	1995-96 Actuals	1996-97 (RE)
1.	Food	5100	5377	6066
2.	Indigenous (Urea) Fertilizer	4075	4300	4743
3.	Imported (Urea) Fertilizer	1166	1935	1350
4.	Sale of decontrolled fertilizer with concession to farmers	528	500	1674
5.	Export promotion & Market Development	658	16	400
6.	Debt Relief to farmers	341	..	..
7.	Railways	420	418	466